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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1646

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APPLICATION NO: 10/075,846

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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING A NOVEL GLYCINE  
RECEPTOR ALPHA SUBUNIT EXPRESSED IN THE  
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, HGRA4, and SPLICE VARIANT  
THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention embraced by the claims of Group I, without traverse, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, variants thereof, a vector containing the same, a host cell thereof, and a method of recombinately producing the encoded polypeptide.

The Office Action further directs Applicants to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable and to list all claims readable thereon including those subsequently added. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the species of Group I directed to the isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:3 encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4. Newly added Claims 20 to 40 are readable thereon.

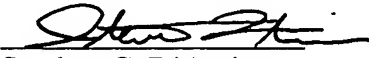
A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee.

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If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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